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REPROCESSING
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1. REFTEL A, DATED 16 MARCH 1977, SET FORTH THE FRENCH
VIEWS AT THAT TIME ON THE MATTER OF THE UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN ERDA AND THE EC ON THE TRANSFER OF IRRADIATED
FUEL ELEMENTS FOR REPROCESSING. THIS EMBASSY HAS
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RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO THAT REFTEL.

2. ON MAY 23, MFA SCIENCE DIRECTOR NAZELLE ADVISED
EMBASSY THAT THE GOF AND THE UK HAD PRESENTED TO THE
EUROPEAN COMMISSION A COORDINATED DEMARCHE REFERENCING
MR. SIEVERING'S LETTER OF 11 FEBRUARY 1977 TO
MR. SPAAK ON THAT SUBJECT. THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE

IN MR. SIEVERING'S LETTER TROUBLES BOTH THE FRENCH AND TO THEIR UNDERSTANDING THE BRITISH: "PRIOR US APPROVAL IS REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO FACILITIES IN WHICH ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATION, USE OR STORAGE (OTHER THAN AT THE REPROCESSING SITE) OF ANY RESULTING PLUTONIUM MIGHT OCCUR."

3. IN THE FRENCH VIEW THE ABOVE SENTENCE MAKES ROOM FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF INSPECTION. NAZELLE NOTED IN THIS CONTEXT THAT THE GOF HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE CANADIAN CRITERIA THAT IT HAVE A SAY IN MATTERS OF REPROCESSING CANADIAN URANIUM. IN THE FRENCH VIEW IT WOULD THUS BE INCONSISTENT TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE AMERICAN FORMULATION.

4. THIS SUBJECT IS CERTAIN TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE US PARTICIPANTS IN THE JUNE 8, 9 PARIS MEETING ON INFCEP. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE MFA IN ITS REQUEST PRESENTED IN REFTEL A.
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